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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent document and counterpart abstract also are enclosed.

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149668 is discussed at least at page 4, lines 8 through 24 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,851,960 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149668.

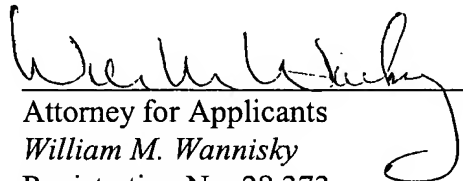
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Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

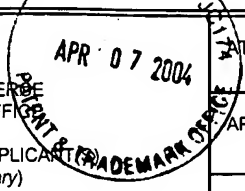
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		4,851,960	07/25/89	Nakamura, et al.	361	225	
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
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